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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1011

**DATE:** May 23, 2011

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Home Health, Hospice and Physician Providers

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Implementation Extension - Physician Face to Face Encounter  
Follow Up - Informational Letter No. 983

**EFFECTIVE:** July 1, 2011

Please note that the implementation date for the physician face to face encounter has been extended from April 1, 2011, to July 1, 2011. Many of the physicians who will be affected by this provision will be pediatricians who were not subject to this requirement under Medicare. In addition, this extension will assist all physicians, home health agencies and hospice agencies in developing procedures that will provide an easier transition for this requirement.

For your reference we have posted the additional questions received from provider associations and responses on the IME website at: <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/docs/4-27-11%20FAQ%20Home%20Health%20Hospice%20-%20PhysicianF2F%20Requirement.docx>.

The document will be updated as additional questions arise.

Please continue to monitor the designated Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) home health, hospice and physician websites for updates and clarifications:

<http://www.cms.gov/center/hha.asp>

<http://www.cms.gov/center/hospice.asp>

<http://cms.gov/center/physician.asp>

Please alert any professionals in your offices or associations who may benefit from the information in this Informational Letter.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services Unit at 1-800-338-7909, locally (in Des Moines) 256-4609, or by e-mail at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).